

Student & Parent School Bulletin

Monday 13th September 2021 week 2B

1. Diary

Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

- Y7, 9 and 11 school photos (see item 9)

Friday 17th

2. Year Group Notices

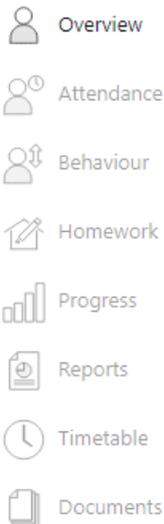
Year 7 Parents / Carers - Logging onto Go4schools for the first time

Go4schools (GO4S) is Felpham Community College's assessment, reporting and behaviour system which parents and carers use to access their child's information. Please click [here](#) for instructions on how to access this system if you are a first-time user. If you have any issues with logging on please contact data@felpham.org.uk.

Year 8 to 13 Parent / Carers - New Look to GO4S

GO4S has a new design platform for viewing your child's information. You will notice on the left-hand side there is a column of icons (as below), if you click on the one you would like to view you will see your child's information. If you have any questions please do email us at data@felpham.org.uk.

Regards Mrs Whelan, Data & Exams Manger



6th Form

Our 6th Form charity committee plays a vital role within school, running the charity events programme for the year. It is a great committee to be part of! The first meeting is on Wednesday 15th September at 8.30am in the library, please come and find out more!

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Support / Publicity Coordinator

3. LFD Testing

I wanted to pass on my thanks to all parents, carers and students for supporting our mass testing once again at the start of term. The students behaved admirably, were very sensible and calm throughout. Well done to them - and of course well done to our fantastic testing team who have yet again stepped up and over their time to keep everyone safe. Please continue to test twice a week using your at-home LFD test kits. We will be giving out the new kits next week during tutor time. We will continue to do this until government guidance changes. The best times to test are Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Please be aware that government guidance is now that any adults double vaccinated and/or anyone 18 years and under does not need to self-isolate, even if they are a close contact of a positive case. The only time a child would need to self-isolate is if they themselves tested positive on a PCR test. These are only necessary if the individual has Covid symptoms. If your child does show symptoms please do not send them into school, instead organise a PCR and email our let our Attendance Officer Mrs Crook know if it is positive -

attendance@felpham.org.uk. If the PCR is negative your child should return to school as soon as possible.
Mr Summers, Assistant Headteacher

4. **Absence Reporting - message for Parents and Carers**

Please note all absences should be reported to the attendance officer not form tutors or year offices, thank you. Absences include: holidays, medical / dental appointments, illnesses and late arrivals.

Absences can be reported in the following ways:

- Telephone: 01243 838028 or 01243 826511 (option 1)
- Text: 07943 110012
- Email: attendance@felpham.org.uk.

Please follow the below procedures when reporting your child's absence:

- Please report all absences before 8.30am where possible.
- Please try to arrange all appointments outside of school time; where this is not possible, advance warning should be given and children should attend school before and/or after the appointment (unless otherwise agreed).
- When reporting your child's illness, please give a very brief overview of the illness.
 - For example: Cold, sickness, headache etc (rather than 'unwell' or 'under the weather'). This category will enable us to record the absence correctly and to ensure that we can offer support for the illness if needed, or be able to protect the other children in school if necessary.
 - Full details of illnesses / issues can be given to the Year Managers or Year Leaders (as well as reporting the overview to the attendance office).

Thank you for doing your best to get your children into school and we hope that in the event where absence cannot be avoided, this simplifies things a little.

Mrs Crook, Attendance Officer

5. **Back to school information from West Sussex County Council for parents/carers**

WSCC has asked us to share the link below with parents/carers. It explains the measures in place in schools and how outbreaks will be managed as well as advice and guidance on mental health and wellbeing for young people. Please click [here](#) to view.

Information from the DfE & NHS for parents/carers

The DfE & NHS has produced a concise leaflet on returning to school which parents/carers may find useful. Please click [here](#) to view.

6. **School uniform**

School uniform is a key feature of a successful school, if students look smart it creates a work-like atmosphere in school and leads to fewer distractions from learning. Please note the following reminders:

- From this term, hoodies and branded sweatshirts are not permitted around school.
- The school tie needs to be worn at a length that you can see (at least) seven stripes on it; they should not be worn shorter than this.

7. **Important Medical Information (reminder)**

If your child requires prescription medication within school hours, it is imperative that this is brought into school for it to be stored in the medical room.

The medication below requires to be in duplicate - one to be kept on your child through the school day and the second to be kept in the medical room for emergency backup:

- Blue inhaler
- Auto-injector and antihistamine for treatment of life-threatening allergies (not hay fever)
- Supplies for management of diabetes (no paperwork required just supplies)

Please note:

1. The medication should be in the original prescription packaging along with any instruction leaflets.
2. Antibiotics can only be administered if required four times a day.

Please could parents/carers also complete the relevant form/s below (**if not already done so**):

- If your child requires school to hold a blue inhaler in the medical room: Click [here](#).
- If your child has allergies requiring an auto-injector: Click [here](#).
- If your child requires medication other than for asthma or allergies: Click [here](#).
- If your child has a serious medical condition that requires an Individual Healthcare Plan: Click [here](#).

Please do not fill out any forms unless you intend to supply school with the intended prescription medication.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

8. Student welfare - message for parents and carers

Within school we always strive to ensure our students have access to sanitary supplies, we endeavour to approach this with sensitivity and respect. We would like to extend this and reach out to the homes where parents/carers might find that adding these items onto the weekly shopping bill becomes a financial strain. If you would benefit from sanitary supplies, please come into our Reception. All you have to say is that you are there to collect a 'blue' box and you will be given supplies with no discussions.

Mrs Stout, Welfare Assistant

9. School photos

Students in year 7, 9 and 11 will have their school photos taken on Thursday 16th September. Students will be given packs to take home with ordering information etc when available.

10. Young Geographer of the Year Competition

KS3 students are creating an annotated map for their first homework in geography answering the question: 'How was your life shaped by COVID-19?' Students are to use pictures and text on an A3 piece of paper or document, there is further information about the task attached to their homework on Teams.

There will be a winner from each year group and the best pieces will be entered into the national competition with the Royal Geographical Society. If students would like to enter this competition they must send their work to their teacher by Wednesday 29th September.

If you have any questions, please email me at efuller@felpham.org.uk.

Miss Fuller, Geography Teacher

11. Extra-curricular Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer students extra-curricular clubs again this term; a timetable will be emailed to parents/carers next week.

12. STEM Club

STEM club will resume on Friday 17th September after school in room N24 until 4.15pm.

This club is for any student in the top sets for maths and science in key stage 3 or 4, who would like to explore the STEM subjects in a fun environment. Last year the club has been restricted to one 'bubble' of students, however with the easing of restrictions in schools we are now able to offer this to all eligible students.

Students who would like to find out more can come to see me during break times or just come along to the first session on the 17th September. We have lots of fun hands-on activities lined up this year so it would be great to see as many students as possible at the club.

Mrs Pullen, Maths Department

13. Art/Photography Club

An Art and Photography club will be running on Wednesdays, weekly from 3.00-4.00pm for all KS3 years. There will be a sign-up sheet in D9 as numbers are limited to 20. We will do a new sign-up sheet every half term.

The first session will be next Wednesday (15th September).

Miss Watson, Art and Photography Teacher

14. Photo consent

We have asked Form Tutors to distribute a 'Consent form for photography and images of children' to all students who we do hold this information for. Please can parent / carers complete the form and ask your child to return it, thank you.

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Assistant / Publicity Coordinator

15. Resources

If anyone has any spare Lego at home not being used, please donate to the LSU (Learning Support Unit)!

Many thanks, The LSU Team

16. Publicity

Help share our good news and keep up to date with events - follow our FCC Facebook page and share / like our posts!

In the Bognor Regis Observer 9th September: Open Evening (page 5)

Mrs Chester, Senior Admin Support / Publicity Coordinator

17. FCC Promotional Video

Thank you to the students and staff who supported the promotional filming at the end of last term. The film is now live! Click here to view: [Felpham Community College - Promo Video 2021 - YouTube](#)

18. Relationships, Sex and Health Education

Please click [here](#) to view our policy for the above. This policy outlines our school's commitment to provide effective Relationships, Sex and Health Education for all students in support of that offered by parents/carers, who are the first educators of their children in this area. It has been written with regard to the DfE Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education guidance 2019 and other relevant guidance documents and statutory requirements.

The RSHE teaching in this school contributes to our statutory duty to safeguard students and prepare them for the responsibilities and experiences of adult life. RSHE is taught in a progressive, sequenced, age-appropriate manner throughout the school.

If you would like to give feedback on this policy, please email fcc@felpham.org.uk by next Friday (17th September).

Mrs Marques-Darling / Mrs Tetra, Curriculum Leader: RSHE

19. PE at FCC

The PE department would like to welcome everyone back to the new school term. We are looking forward to being able to offer our usual exciting and engaging curriculum plan, both in lessons and after school. Please click [here](#) to view a letter with outlines the department's vision and rationale for physical education and wellbeing.

Miss Hudson, Assistant Curriculum Leader: PE

20. Water bottles

FCC reusable water bottles are now on sale from the library at a bargain price of £1.50. Help us be 'more green' and not use single use bottles!

21. Careers Information from Mrs Woodman, Careers Leader

Students in all year groups - Job of the week

Each week I will be sharing with you a short YouTube video that will introduce you to a job - what the job entails, what subjects are useful for it, what qualifications you will need to get into it, and the salary you might earn. This week's Job of the Week is [Actuary](#).

Students in all year groups and parents/carers - Careers programme evaluation

The links below were put in the bulletin before the summer. Unfortunately, I hadn't set the permissions for the parent's evaluation form correctly meaning you would have been unable to complete it. The correct links should now have been shared below.

In an effort to ensure that the careers programme we run in school meets the needs of all users, I would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes to complete the form, to let me know what information you would want to see on a dedicated careers website. Many thanks.

[Student evaluation form](#)

[Parent/carer evaluation form](#)

Students aged 14 and over - Virtual work experience

In this ever-changing world in which we live it is now more important than ever that you do as much as you can to make yourself stand out and become more employable in the future. Work experience, virtual or otherwise, is a great way to add to your skill set and explore a career that interests you, to see if it is something you might like to do when you leave education. Be that after school, college or university.

Springpod offer a suite of experiences, often repeated throughout the year, covering all sorts of subjects/industries eg nursing, the business of football, tv & film, finance & accountancy, dentistry, journalism, graphic design, business management, teaching, aerospace and many more. To see the latest opportunities visit www.springpod.com.

Springpod have created a simple guide which explains why you should do virtual work experience and how to create an account, a simple process that should take no longer than 5 minutes, click [here](#) to view.

Springpod also offer a range of degree taster programmes (suitable for students aged 14-18). Upcoming ones listed on their site are:

- Queen Mary University: Comparative Literature - 13th September 2021
- Queen Mary University: Geography - 13th September 2021
- Queen Mary University: Drama - 13th September 2021
- Jesus College, Oxford: Politics, Philosophy and Economics - 27th September 2021
- University of Plymouth: Engineering - 1st November 2021

To find out more about these go to the Springpod site, click on Experience, then on degree taster.

Year 11 - Careers interviews and Mock Interview Day

Careers interviews start next Tuesday 14th September and will take place each week on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

Students who have completed the 'Year 11 (2021-22) - Moving On Questionnaire' (the link for which was shared with you numerous times before the summer) will be those invited first. If you have not yet completed the questionnaire or feel that, over the summer, your ideas have changed and you would like to submit a fresh questionnaire, please do so as soon as possible. Simply click on [this link](#) - it should take no more than 4 minutes to complete.

Mock interview day will take place on Friday 5th November, hopefully in a face-to-face format. The first stage of preparation for this is your CV, which you worked on in citizenship before the summer and should have emailed to me by the 16th July. To date I have only received 117 CVs out of a total of 241. If you are one of those that has not yet completed and sent a CV to me, please do so as soon as possible, as these need to be sent out to potential interviewers for them to look through beforehand. I will be sending a list of students who have not yet sent me a CV to tutors, so that they can remind you.